

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 written line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 after written line 3, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE02/04499 filed December 6, 2002 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefit of German application No. 10164208.3 filed December 27, 2001, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 after written line 3, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 written lines 5-7, as follows:

The invention relates to a method for administering presence and/or availability information in a telecommunication and/or data network. ~~The invention relates to a method for administering presence and/or availability information in a telecommunication and/or data network in accordance with the preamble of Claim 1.--~~

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 after written line 7, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 written lines 14-25, as follows:

Presence-based services will have a significantly enhanced role to play in Next-Generation

Networks (NGN). For presence-based services/applications information about the availability of subscribers (how and where a subscriber can be reached) is utilized for the service/the application. This information can typically serve to

- signal to a subscriber whether and how they other party that they wish to call can be reached so that, if their availability status changes, a connection can then be set up automatically for example,
- to optimize call forwarding or call diversion scenarios or
- to initiate conferences if all desired subscribers are identified as accessible.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 2 after written line 26, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 2 written line 31, as follows:

This object is achieved by methods ~~with the Features of Patent Claim 1~~ according to the claims.

In the English translation document, add the paragraph at page 2 after written line 31, as follows:

The “short message service” mentioned in the claims is a technical term known in the field of telecommunication. For example it can mean an alphanumeric sequence of characters which can be transmitted from a mobile station to a further mobile station or from a mobile station to a mobile network or to any telecommunication network or to any device or computer or server. For example it can be a SMS or MMS as e.g. defined in GSM or 3G or other standards that are e.g. available at www.etsi.org.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 2 written line 32 to page 3 written line 3, as follows:

The invention includes the fundamental idea of providing a connection, both for entry of the presence status and also for access to the information and service features derived from it,

through the interfaces which have not previously been able to be used in this context.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 after written line 3, as follows:

---BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING---

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 after written line 14, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 5 written lines 1-10, as follows:

Indirect information (i.e. information not directly controlled by the subscriber) can also be used to control the presence information. E.g. if a subscriber, when making a telephone call from their office, is all likelihood still going to be available at their desk once they have finished the call. Using "IN-like" triggers an exchange can forward this information to a presence server. In this case it makes sense for the presence status to change automatically after a selectable time (e.g. 15 minutes) back to the status "not accessible" if there has not been any further status change or refreshing of the status "accessible" (by a further telephone call).

In the English translation document, please amend the heading at page 5 written line 21, as follows:

F) SMS/Instant Messaging